

# Governor's Forest Health OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY COUNCILS

## Approved Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Pine Community Center – 3886 Highway 87 (across from the Post Office)

Pine, AZ 85544

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- 1) Call to order
  - a. 9:40 a.m.
  - b. **Introductions**
  - c. **Audience introductions**
- 2) Review and approval of minutes from the **4.08.04** meeting
  - a. **Advisory Council**
    - i. **Mr. VanDemark moves approval**
    - ii. **Mr. Siderits seconds**
  - b. **Oversight Council**
    - i. **Ron moves approval**
    - ii. **Steve Campbell seconds**
- 3) Legislative Update
  - a. **Heather for Lori Faeth**
    - i. **Forest Health legislation is moving through committee and the Governor's office is optimistic for compromise.**
- 4) Subcommittees
  - a. Reports
    - i. Utilization & Commerce – Marty Moore
      1. **will report at June Meeting**
    - ii. Land Use & Wildland Fire – Don Falk
      1. **(insert from email...)**
    - iii. Mapping & Assessment – Kathy Hemenway & Gene Trobia
      1. **Presentation will be on Forest Health Council websites**
    - iv. Monitoring & Evaluation – Ed Smith
      1. **timeline evolving, ask govs staff to assist with letter (ED)**
        - a. **Lori and Council's endorsement...**
      2. **touch base with NM Forest Health Council counterparts (wildfire response to treatments).**
      3. **What does the subcommittee hope to accomplish?**
        - a. **Examine treatments and eventually determine which are most appropriate based on the region... Suite of recommendations to reduce the hazards of high intensity fire – what is the impact of the treatments on wildlife.**
    - v. Zoning & Implementation – Mayor Joe Donaldson
      1. **Mr. Summerfelt on his behalf – distribution of publication and CD (protecting your home from wildfire). Possible because of a Community Assistance grant.**
      2. **Distribution upon request (Flag Fire Dept.)**
      3. **Will be available on the Forest Health Council website...**
    - vi. Education – Michael Neal
      1. **Kent on his behalf – bill stuffer brochure are in print (7 Things You can do to protect your home from wildfires")**
      2. **Some 'elementary' education Opportunities in the works.**
      3. **Video PSA will be aired (Sat. 16 @ 6:30 pm)**
        - a. **Will be available on Forest Health Council website...**

- 5) Discussion of Recommendations from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governor's Forest Health Conference
  - a. Synthesize recommendations
    - i. **Subcommittees will meet via conference call (Heather to coordinate upon request)**
      1. **Each will determine inclusions in final version.**
      2. **Must have individual details to Heather by June 1**
        - a. **Heather will synthesize and combine and redistribute**
    - ii. **Advisory Council should attempt to do some 'in the field work' to better understand the forest structures and relationship to potential treatments.**
    - iii. **New Oversight Council subcommittee created**
      1. **Lori Faeth**
    - iv. **Todd – discussion on how it works in NM (speaker)**
    - v. **Kirk -**
      1. **How do the community protection plans 'match up' with the statewide prioritization plan? What is happening where?**
      2. **Do communities know what tools are available to them?**
      3. **What is going on in communities at risk? What more can we be doing to assist the communities?**
- 6) Presentation by Ed Armenta, District Ranger Payson Ranger District, Tonto National Forest
  - a. Webber fire details.
    - i. **Low humidity, high temps, dense veg, chaparral. Established quickly with large relief. No shot crews available so early in the season. Local fire responded and neighboring forest were not able to kill with initial attack.**
    - ii. **Camp Geranamo was in an interesting geographical region due to topography and veg, as well as unusual wind events (sundown winds creating an updraft).**
    - iii. **Rain was the final detail to clean up.**
  - b. Discuss the tour itinerary and details of projects underway
    - i. **5 management units (dealing with in-holdings)**
      1. **assist with prioritization**
    - ii. **\$5000/acre to treat**
    - iii. **Fuel break around Pine/Strawberry**
    - iv. **Worked with F&W**
    - v. **Public was not very concerned with the NEPA sensitivities**
    - vi. **Looking into stewardship projects**
      1. **can't use existing funding...**
    - vii. **2003 did 1700 of prescribed burning**
      1. **Pine trail head (high beetle mortality)**
- 7) Future meeting dates and locations
  - a. Summer 2004 schedule
    - i. June 10<sup>th</sup> - Heber / Overgaard (**Black Mesa Ranger Station**)
      1. **Economic utilization focus – Marty Moore**
    - ii. July 8<sup>th</sup> - Summerhaven (Fire Station?)
    - iii. August 12<sup>th</sup> - Flagstaff (Rocky Mt. Ranger Station)
    - iv. September 9<sup>th</sup> - TBD
    - v. October - Williams
- 8) Other updates
- 9) Tour of Tonto Ranger District treatment projects
- 10) Call to the Public
- 11) Adjournment

*Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004 - Governor's Forest Health Councils*